

# Superfund Redevelopment **Pilots Industrial Excess Landfill**

**Board of Lake Township Trustees, OH** 

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

### **BACKGROUND**

EPA selected the Board of Lake Township Trustees in Ohio for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Lake Township is home to the Industrial Excess Landfill (IEL) Superfund site. Prior to 1959, the property was used for mining sand and gravel. In 1959, the mining and excavation pit was converted into a landfill, which operated until 1980. During this time, IEL received industrial waste primarily from the rubber industries in Akron, Ohio. In addition to industrial wastes, the company also accepted waste from hospitals, septic tank cleaning firms, and the general public. IEL dumped 780,000 tons of solid waste and 1,000,000 gallons of liquid waste onto the ground and into an onsite lagoon. In 1972, the Stark County Board of Health ordered IEL to stop dumping chemical wastes. The landfill closed in 1980, and EPA covered it with soil. In June 1986, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Board of Lake Township Trustees plans to use Pilot funds to assess the site, seek public participation, and secure technical, legal, and other professional advice on future uses of the site. The trustees will also engage in community outreach to solicit and secure the community's involvement in the planning process. The Board of Trustees wants the site put into ecological use, but a redevelopment plan is needed to determine whether the site is capable of ecological reuse.

## **PILOT SNAPSHOT**



Applicant Name: Board of Lake Township

Trustees, OH

Site Name: Industrial Excess Landfill

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement

(\$100,000)

Profile: The Board of Lake Township Trustees will determine future uses of the site, with a focus on ecological reuses.

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